

First Grant House
Galena, Illinois
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District No.26

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FIRST GRANT HOUSE
JO DAVIESS COUNTY
GALENA, ILLINOIS

121- HIGH STREET

DISTRICT NO. 26
NORTHERN ILLINOIS

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Project No. 26-12

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This property was first recorded by Levi Stewart on Nov. 25, 1837 and sold to J.W. Robinson, Aug. 11, 1853. It was in 1859 that J.W. Robinson, a builder, erected the present house.

This house is not as old as many others in the city nor does it boast much architectural beauty, but it was here that the Grant family first lived when they came to this center of the lead mine district.

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"Historic
Galena
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In April 1860 Captain U.S. Grant, with his wife and four children, Frederick, Ulysses, Jr., Jesse and Nellie, landed in Galena from St. Louis in the steamer Itasca, and soon after their arrival they rented a modest brick house from John M. Robinson, situated on High Street. After the close of the war in 1865, General Grant returned to Galena. The citizens, wishing to honor him, purchased a fine brick dwelling from Mr. Alexander Jackson (who had built it in 1857 for his own home) and presented it to their famous citizen and the hero of the war.

The front porch has been added within the last fifteen years. The first Grant home is now owned and occupied by Mrs. J.I. Scott. It stands on High Street, in Galena.

April 10, 1934

By H.B. McEldowney (Earl)

Approved Earl H. Reed

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